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**RESPONSE**

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 2, 2009. Claims 1-7, 11-15, 17, and 18 are pending. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

**Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

*Claims 1, 5, 6, and 18 over Okamura in view of Stark*

Claims 1, 5, 6, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,251,216 to Okamura et al. (hereinafter *Okamura*) in view of U.S. Patent No.